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Sir

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On examining the Returns of the Regiment for the Rest of men absent I find four or fatigue at a time for Quarters upwards of two months, I need not observe to you the disadvantages may arise to the Regiment at large & the men in particular in being detained from their Regiments for such Service for so long a Period — I therefore request that you would grant to his Excy Orders the men may be immediately sent to the Regiment to prepare themselves, their Arms & Accoutrements for the inspection which will take place at the time — I shall ever be happy to pursue my regular Detail for such men as you may want for time to time — I [illegible] the above is consistent to your Ideas of Service I have directed the Officers Corporals to parade the above mentioned Men & march them to the Regiment — I am Sir with Due Respect Your Most Obedt Servt

[illegible]

Maj Genl Howe

To Majr

Copy of Letter to
Major Jos. Howe
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